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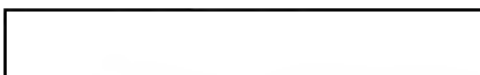


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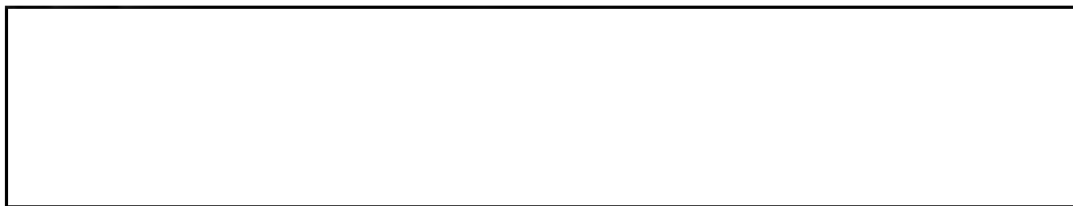
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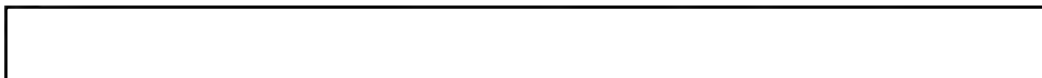
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GREECE-CYPRUS-TURKEY: The intercommunal talks between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities are likely to resume within the next month with the additional participation of representatives from Greece, Turkey, and the UN.

The talks reached an impasse and were suspended late last year. Efforts to resume them were interrupted last winter by the Greek move to reduce President Makarios' power on the island, and more recently by Turkish insistence on several preconditions. Ankara now says it will resume the talks under three conditions: the discussions must deal only with constitutional questions; Cyprus must remain independent; and the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot representatives must have equal status. Athens has agreed to a proposal by UN Secretary-General Waldheim to resume the talks on this basis.

Archbishop Makarios is also likely to concur, because he probably believes the resumption of the talks will mean a lessening of Greek pressure for changes in his administration. The archbishop is presently carrying out a cabinet reshuffle, and he probably fears the Greeks will not approve of all of his appointments.

Makarios is also aware that the Greeks want to avoid criticism at the semi-annual UN Security Council meeting on Cyprus in mid-June when the extension of the UN force on the island will be considered. The archbishop views Greek concern over this meeting as further assurance that Athens will not press for additional changes in his administration.

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